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In re Patent Application of

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TOUCH SCREEN DEVICE WITH GUIDING SURFACE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 AND STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 03, 2007, please consider the Supplemental Amendment in the above-identified application as follows:

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant's representative held an interview with the Examiner of record on August 1, 2007 to discuss the independent claims 1, 13 and 20 with respect to the cited prior art references. More specifically, Applicant's representative focused attention on the claim language, "a reference position on a surface of the touch sensors located between a vertex and a center of one of said concave portion and said convex portion, and a controller configured to control an adjustment value in accordance with a direction of a slide operation along said guide portion from the reference position," to explain: 1) a vertex being defined as the intersection point of two converging lines that forms an angle; and 2) a reference position on the surface of the touch sensor is a fixed position and the adjustment value is determined in accordance the fixed reference position.

The Examiner and Applicant's representative agreed to the inclusion of the term "fixed" with respect to the claim limitation "a reference position," and the Examiner agrees that such an amendment will overcome the current prior art rejection.